

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-identified application:

**Listing of Claims**

**Claim 1** (Previously presented): A charge calculation apparatus comprising:

a first determination unit configured to determine whether or not application software, which is selected from application software provided by another apparatus connected via a network and used via the network, is an accounting object, wherein the selected application software is used to create and/or edit data by a user operation via the network;

a first calculation unit configured to calculate a software charge for performing a predetermined process by using the selected application software, in accordance with determination by said first determination unit;

a second determination unit configured to determine whether or not an output device, which is selected from a plurality of output devices to receive via the network the data created and/or edited by the selected application software and to output the data, is an accounting object;

a second calculation unit configured to calculate a device charge for using the selected output device, in accordance with determination by said second determination unit;

and

a third calculation unit configured to calculate a total charge of a data output process based on the respective charges calculated by said first and second calculation unit.

**Claim 2** (Previously presented): The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the application software creates and/or edits document data.

**Claim 3** (Cancelled).

**Claim 4** (Currently Amended): A charge calculation apparatus comprising:

a first determination unit configured to determine whether or not a device, which is selected from a plurality of devices to input or output data, is an accounting object, wherein the selected device is used by a user via a network;

a first calculation unit configured to calculate a device charge for using the selected device in accordance with determination by said first determination unit;

a second determination unit configured to determine whether or not application software, which is used to use the selected device via the network, is an accounting object;

a second calculation unit configured to calculate a software charge for using the application software in accordance with determination by said second determination unit; and

a third calculation unit configured to calculate a data processing charge of the selected device using the application software based on the respective charges calculated by said first and second calculation units.

**Claim 5** (Original): The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the application software is stored in said charge calculation apparatus.

**Claim 6 (Original):** The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the application software is provided through a network.

**Claim 7 (Previously presented):** A charge calculation method comprising:

a first determination step of determining whether or not application software, which is selected from application software provided by another apparatus connected via a network and used via the network, is an accounting object, wherein the selected application software is used to create and/or edit data by a user operation via the network;

a first calculation step of calculating a software charge for performing a predetermined process by using the selected application software, in accordance with determination in said first determination step;

a second determination step of determining whether or not an output device, which is selected from a plurality of output devices to receive via the network the data created and/or edited by the selected application software and to output the data, is an accounting object;

a second calculation step of calculating a device charge for using the selected output device, in accordance with determination in said determination step; and

a third calculation step of calculating a total charge of a data output process based on the respective charges calculated in said first and second calculation step.

**Claim 8 (Previously presented):** The method according to claim 7, wherein the application software creates and/or edits document data.

**Claim 9 (Cancelled).**

**Claim 10 (Previously presented):** A charge calculation method comprising:

a first determination step of determining whether or not a device, which is selected from a plurality of devices to input or output data, is an accounting object, wherein the selected device is used by a user via a network;

a first calculation step of calculating a device charge for using the selected device in accordance with determination in said first determination step;

a second determination step of determining whether or not application software, which is used to use the selected device via the network, is an accounting object;

a second calculation step of calculating a software charge for using the application software in accordance with determination in said second determination step; and

a third calculation step of calculating a data processing charge of the selected device using the application software based on the respective charges calculated in said first and second calculation step.

**Claim 11 (Original):** The method according to claim 10, wherein the application software is stored in a computer.

**Claim 12 (Original):** The method according to claim 10, wherein the application software is provided through a network.

**Claim 13 (Previously presented):** A computer-readable storage medium which stores program codes of a charge calculation method, comprising:

a code of a first determination step of determining whether or not application software, which is selected from application software provided by another apparatus connected via a network and used via the network, is an accounting object, wherein the selected application software is used to create and/or edit data by a user operation via the network;

a code of a first calculation step of calculating a software charge for performing a predetermined process by using the selected application software, in accordance with determination in said first determination step;

a code of a second determination step of determining whether or not an output device, which is selected from a plurality of output devices to receive via the network the data created and/or edited by the selected application software and to output the data, is an accounting object;

a code of a second calculation step of calculating a device charge for using the selected output device, in accordance with determination in said second determination step; and

a code of a third calculation step of calculating a total charge of a data output process based on the respective charges calculated in said first and second calculation step.

**Claim 14 (Previously presented):** A computer-readable storage medium which stores program codes of a charge calculation method, comprising:

a code of a first determination step of determining whether or not a device, which is selected from a plurality of devices to input or output data, is an accounting object, wherein the selected device is used by a user via a network;

a code of a first calculation step of calculating a device charge for using the selected device in accordance with determination in said first determination step;

a second determination step of determining whether or not application software, which is used to use the selected device via the network, is an accounting object;

a code of a second calculation step of calculating a software charge for using the application software in accordance with determination in said second determination step;  
and

a code of a third calculation step of calculating a data processing charge of the selected device using the application software based on the respective charges calculated in said first and second calculation step.